



**AMENDMENT TO "COMPENSATION" SECTION OF THE CHARTERS OF THE  
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH INITIAL REVIEW GROUPS  
AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANELS**

Members shall be paid at the rate of \$200 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations. Members who are **full** time officers or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on these committees.

Approved:

4/6/99  
Date

Harold Varmus  
Director, NIH

Attachments:

List of National Institutes of Health Initial **Review** Groups

List of National Institutes of **Health** Special Emphasis Panels

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## CHARTER

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE  
SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANELPURPOSE

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) was established (42 U.S. Code 286) in order to assist the advancement of medical and related sciences and to aid the dissemination and exchange of scientific and other information important to the progress of medicine to the public health. Accordingly, under relevant assistance authorities, the NLM has instituted programs of support designed to develop facilities and techniques necessary to collect, preserve, store, process, retrieve, and advance the dissemination and utilization of widely expanded knowledge in the health sciences and the biomedical information it has generated.

The National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel (Panel) provides concept review of proposed grant, cooperative agreement, or contract solicitations and conducts scientific merit review of grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals for research, resource, publication, and training/fellowship projects in the broad areas of health informatics, biotechnology, database design and development, library services, integrated advanced information management systems, and educational technology.

AUTHORITY ,

42 U.S. Code 282(b)(6), Section 402(b)(6) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The Panel is governed by provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S. Code Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

FUNCTION

The Panel shall advise the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Director, NLM, regarding concept review, research and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine regarding support of medical library resources, research or demonstration projects, First Independent Research Transition (FIRST) awards, research career development

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awards, biomedical scientific publications, fellowships, and training grants. The relevant subject matter will be new medical library services, health science publications, integrated academic information management systems, health informatics, biotechnology information, databases, resources, and educational technology.

#### STRUCTURE

Members and Chairs will be selected on an "as needed" basis from outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the fields relevant to specific applications, proposals, or proposed solicitations to be reviewed. Approximately 75 reviewers will be used each year.

Members of the NIH Reviewers Reserve or chartered NIH advisory committees may serve on the Panel if their expertise is required.

Management and support services shall be provided by the Division of Extramural Programs, NLM.

#### MEETINGS

Meetings of the Panel will be held as necessary approximately 10 times per year as determined by the Designated Federal Official (DFO) who shall also approve the agenda. A government official shall be present at all meetings.

Meetings shall be open to the public unless determined otherwise by the Secretary or other official to whom the authority has been delegated; notice of all meetings shall be given to the public. Meetings shall be conducted and records of the proceedings kept, as required by applicable laws and departmental regulations.

#### COMPENSATION

Members shall be paid at the rate of \$150 per day, plus per diem and travel in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations. Members who are officers or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on the Panel.

#### ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE

The estimated annual cost for operating the Panel, including compensation and travel expenses for members, but excluding staff support, is \$29,940. The estimate of annual person-years of staff support required is .4 at an estimated annual cost of \$28,979.

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**REPORTS**

An annual report shall be prepared by December 31 for submission to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Director, NIH, which shall contain, as a minimum, the Panel's functions, a list of members and their business addresses, the dates and places of meetings, and a summary of its activities and recommendations during the preceding year. A report shall be prepared annually showing the distribution of reviewers by gender, ethnicity, geographic balance, and frequency with which reviewers are used. Copies of the reports shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Office.

**ESTABLISHMENT DATE**

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**TERMINATION DATE**

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**APPROVED**

SEP 29 1995

Date

  
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Director, NIH